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SUMMER IS HERE . . . Operation of Torrance Municipal Plunge got under way here yesterday, although the water was a chilly 74 degrees when the pool opened. It climbed a couple of points during the day, and will be

warmer this week when the YMCA "Learn to Swim" Program is started. A full recreation program also is planned at the pool this week.



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EAGER BEAVERS . . . Jamming the lobby of the municipal plunge during yesterday's rush to take part in the first day's activities there this year were more than 100 youngsters and a few adults. Here Alice Rynhart punches out tickets as fast as she can make the change.

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Burglars Steal Chamber's Cash

Burglars went on the rampage Thursday night or early Friday, hitting the Chamber of Commerce, the city's parking meter office, a beauty shop, a doctor's office, a nursery, and a private home, Torrance police reported.

Det. Sgt. Ted Morris reported that the culprits broke into the Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado, by breaking a window. They took a total of \$109, including Mutual Ticket Agency funds for the Torrance night at "Around the World in 80 Days," funds of the Downtown Retail Merchants' Assn., and petty cash. The burglars, who apparently

Deputies Nab Thistle for Phony Checks

A print shop operator's suspicions caused the downfall of a 21-year-old man who was arrested Thursday on suspicion of forgery of bogus checks for non-existent firms at the Torrance Airport, Torrance Police and Sheriff's Deputies said yesterday.

Eugene Thistle was arrested as he was coming out of a Los Angeles print shop where he had ordered payroll checks and 63 identification cards for the Cargo Air Service, a firm supposedly located at the Torrance Airport.

Thistle's apprehension followed a chain of phone calls. The print shop operator became suspicious and called the airport to see if such a firm ex-

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Temperatures

	High	Low
Sunday	68	47
Monday	72	41
Tuesday	72	40
Wednesday	66	46
Thursday	65	44
Friday	65	51

Hospital Campaign Extended

After making a campaign progress report to the State Advisory Hospital Council at Berkeley on April 4th and 5th the Little Company of Mary Hospital Building Fund Campaign has been granted an extension until May 31st to raise its share of the money to qualify for state and federal allocations.

The campaign committee is confident that industrial establishments which are still contemplating their contributions will make prompt decisions within the immediate future that the goal of the campaign will be realized by the deadline of the new extension. Mrs. John Tweedy, co-chairman of the general solicitation

committee announced that all pledge cards have been rearranged according to streets and house numbers. Mrs. Tweedy said that the arrangement of the pledge cards according to the new system involved a great deal of clerical work. She added that according to the new system, ladies of the committee should be able to make the greatest number of calls in the least amount of time.

Mrs. Tweedy pointed out that the ladies will be able to choose cards in their immediate neighborhoods and therefore should be able to make calls during their spare moments.

Planning Expert Will Speak at Tuesday Meet

One of the nation's leading authorities on planning, Simon Eisner, will take a look at the monthly breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at the YMCA building, 2320 W. Carson St.

Eisner will give his views on what can be done to maintain a balanced, progressive community, according to Co-Chairmen Robert B. Jahn and Dick Pyle. The Chamber is studying a plan for a complete master plan of the city.

The speaker has developed master plans for a number of cities, including Redlands, Monrovia, Buena Park, Monterey Park, Fontana, Pomona, Claremont, Covina, Santa Monica, Anaheim, and Upland. He is president of the California chapter of the American Institute of planners.

A former member of the Regional Planning Commission and ex-technical director of the Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles, he was chief planning architect for the development of the San Fernando Valley. He is an associate professor at the University of Southern California.

Hull Said Improving After Heart Attack

School Superintendent J. H. Hull was reported improving after a heart attack which he suffered a week ago. He is a patient at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

In his absence, Assistant Superintendent Albert N. Posner is acting superintendent.

Thieves Hit Washhouse

Somebody stole the washing machine timer and \$6 in change from the washhouse at his home, Bert Henry Mills, 1851 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, said sheriff's deputies Friday.



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NO LETTER TODAY . . . Violet Popovich is unhappy because she didn't get a letter yesterday, but she wasn't alone. Nobody else did either. All Post Offices were closed Saturday and there was no mail delivery. Due to a dispute over appropriations, sharp cuts in postal service have been announced. Officials hope normal service can be restored, if the money is appropriated.

Cities Vote to Oppose Freeway Route Changes

Attempts to have the State Division of Highways reroute the San Diego Freeway further west in the Lawndale area and bring it through Torrance between 186th St. and 190th St. were vigorously opposed this week by members of the Inter-City Highways Committee, composed of representatives of Torrance and South Bay cities.

Brought up by the Lawndale Chamber of Commerce recently, the suggestion that the freeway be rerouted has been sent to the State in the form of a resolution, members of the committee were informed. The committee passed a resolution during its April meeting at the Palms Thursday night objecting to the Lawndale

suggestion, and reaffirming its approval of the present routing of the proposed inter-regional highway.

"To seek any changes in this important highway now would probably delay its construction another seven to 10 years," Councilman Nick Dale, Torrance representative on the committee, told the HERALD yesterday.

Phone Booth Robbed

An undetermined amount of money was taken from a pay phone booth at 24710 Narbonne Ave., sheriff's deputies reported Friday. The thieves pried off the coin box, setting off an alarm. A woman passerby said two men sped off in a car at the time the alarm went off.

committee, told the HERALD yesterday.

The committee recently sent a 14-man delegation to Sacramento where they appealed to the California Highway Commission to accelerate the construction on the freeway.

President Wilburn E. Baker of the Inter-City committee said after Thursday's meeting that he was certain that the State would not now try to adopt new routes for the important highway.

"They have already spent several million dollars acquiring right of way for the highway," Baker pointed out. "Several miles of the freeway have been purchased, and much of it has been laid through areas

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Residents Find Empty Mailboxes

Torrance residents who went to their mailboxes yesterday found them empty unless they forgot to pick up the letters from Friday.

For the first, and what most people hope will be the last time, the Post Office did not deliver mail on Saturday, except for Special Delivery letters. The Post Office was not open at all yesterday.

Congressional Dispute

The closing was due to a dispute between Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield and Congress. Summerfield had requested an additional \$47,000,000 to run the Post Office Department for the rest of the fiscal year, ending July 1. A House committee finally voted to provide \$41,000,000 of the funds, but the measure must be passed by the Full House and Senate before it becomes effective.

Summerfield said service would have to be curtailed until Congress votes the money.

Cuts Announced

Other cuts in service announced by Summerfield included:

After April 29, no third class mail will be accepted for mailing, except medicines, serums, drugs, and medical supplies.

Starting tomorrow, window service at the main Post Office and all stations will be restricted to 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

After April 29, money order sales will be discontinued. Starting tomorrow, they will be sold only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Deliveries to downtown business and professional offices will be limited to two a day, starting tomorrow.

New Catholic School Work Starts Here

The way was cleared for construction of a new Catholic high school at 5430 Torrance Blvd., as permits for two classroom units valued at \$50,000 were taken out last week, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the city engineer's office.

Officials hope to have the school open by September for Catholic high school students in the South Bay area. The permit for the initial construction was taken out by A. C. Martin.

Other building activity during the week include a permit for a \$78,000 grocery store at 2119 W. 182nd St., taken out by A. Gianni.

The General Petroleum Corp. took out a \$79,000 permit for additions to its refinery at 3700 W. 190th St.

First Section Of Hawthorne In Hills Ready

Hess Bros. Construction Co. has nearly completed grading on the first leg of an eight-mile extension of Hawthorne Blvd. across Palos Verdes Peninsula from Highway 101 to the ocean, as called for in the county board of supervisors' master plan for the area.

Starting section of the extension runs from Silver Spur Rd. westerly about three-quarters of a mile. Soon it will be followed by a second section continuing from this point westerly to Crest Rd., which was described as an additional distance of approximately a mile and a half.

On the 100-foot-wide right-of-way, a 40-foot-wide highway is to be laid, and this may be doubled in width if and when required.

A short addition to Granvia Altimira, connecting the city of Palos Verdes Estates with the Hawthorne Blvd. extension, is scheduled for early construction.

Hawthorne Blvd. extensions, planned for the near future, will carry it from Crest Rd. southerly to Palos Verdes Dr. W., at the coast, and from Silver Spur Rd. to Palos Verdes Dr. N., in order to meet the growing population and home-building needs of the peninsula.

New Precinct Chairman in 17th Named

Fred Sharlow, petroleum engineer, is the new Republican precinct chairman of the 17th Congressional, according to an announcement this week by Charles Soderstrom, 17th District chairman.

Sharlow has a long record of service in various offices of the Republican organization, according to Soderstrom. He is now president of the South-west Republican Forum and is a former vice president of the Westchester club.

He has been a volunteer precinct organizer for many years and has worked up from a precinct worker to a chairman-ship of all precincts in the Inglewood-Lennox area.